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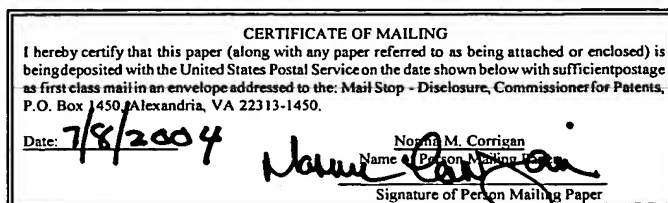
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Title: METHOD FOR THE ALKYLATION OF SALICYLIC ACID



**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
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In reference to the above-identified patent application, Applicant encloses copies of the art cited in the International Search Report for International Application No. PCT/US03/33498, a corresponding foreign application. The relevance of this art is that it was cited in a foreign search report (copy enclosed) mailed to the Applicant on March 31, 2004.

United States Patents:

United States Patent No. 3,704,315 entitled "Dialkylsalicylic Acids and Alkaline Earth Metal Salts Thereof" by Strang, issued November 28, 1972.

Foreign Applications

European Patent Application No. EP 0 771 782 A1, entitled "Salicylic Acid Alkylation" published May 1997/May 1993.

Japanese Abstract, Patent No. JP 02091043, published March 1990.

Japanese Abstract, Patent No. JP 9110800, published April 1997.

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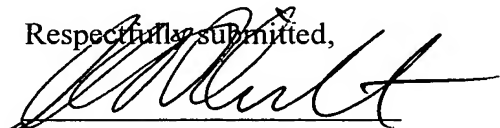
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